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SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Sir, the man has been acquitted of the charge of murder. Have the Government thought it fit to appeal against the order? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member has not apparently read the statement placed before the House."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Sir, I have read the statement. The Sub-Inspector has been acquitted of the charge of murder. Have the Government taken legal advice for preferring an appeal against the acquittal order."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, in all cases of acquittal, it is always examined whether there are grounds for an appeal against the acquittal order. The hon. Member as a lawyer knows that it is possible to have an appeal against an acquittal only in very rare cases."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Sir, three trials have taken place. So far as Ramiah Servai is concerned, he had been kept in the police lock-up for more than 24 hours. This lengthy statement mentions that he was sent for treatment to Tirumayam dispensary. May I know whether Ramiah Servai was treated in the hospital and came out of it alive and whether any action was taken against the officials concerned for his torture? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the officers concerned were specifically charged for offences against Ramiah Servai also and some conviction has been given for that also."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, had there not been instances where the Government have received reprimands from the Supreme Court for not preferring appeals against acquittals? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. We have got reprimands also for making frivolous appeals against acquittals."

Chemical treatment of soil in the Malabar district.

* 578 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have conducted any tests with regard to the chemical treatment of soil in Malabar with a view to render it unpercolable; and

(*b*) if so, with what results?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No definite experiments have been conducted with regard to the chemical treatment of the soil in Malabar with a view to render it not percolable.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, Malabar being a coastal district, due to percolation of water, it is not possible to have paddy cultivation there. If some research is made in this direction it may be possible to meet the food deficit. Will the Government be pleased to make some such research? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, a soil survey was conducted in this district in 1920 and 1928 and we have obtained some results. Anyhow, we shall examine this matter further."

Medical officers sent abroad for training.

* 579 *Q.*—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM (on behalf of Sri M. S. Mogral) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of medical men, community-war and district-war, deputed to foreign countries by the Madras Government since 1952 for specialising in particular branches of medical science;

(*b*) the amount spent on each of them; and

(*c*) how many of them have been given opportunities to make use of such special knowledge in Government institutions?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*c*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House. Information in respect of medical officers districtwar is not readily available.

" (*b*) The information is not readily available and has to be obtained from the High Commission of India, London, and the Accountant-General, Madras. The time and labour involved in collecting the required information will not be commensurate with the result."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, from the statement placed on the table of the House, I find that only one doctor and that too a lady has been selected from the Backward Classes. Are we to take it that there are no other applicants from the Backward Classes available and, secondly, will the Government now at least feel the necessity of deputing more physicians from the Backward Classes, from among the available applicants? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the selection is not made on a communitywar basis. Suitable candidates recommended by the head of the institution and the Director of Medical Services are considered for selection."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, is it a fact that the Backward Classes are getting relief inversely proportional to their agitation? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I would like to inform the hon. Member that more chances have been given this

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 160–161 infra.